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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, may Your eyes be on the righteous and Your ears open to their prayers. In Your mercy, redeem us that we would be worthy to stand before You. Enable us to hold our tongues from malicious intent. Prevent our lips from speaking deliberate deceit.

Strengthen us that we would turn away from evil and do good. In Your eyes, O Lord, what does that really mean? Few of us are so ensnared by malevolence that we would not desire to do what is right by You.

Speak into our sense of self-assurance and remind us that our adversary gains a foothold if we do not have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Guard us against the insidiousness of evil so that our natural response would not be to repay offense or disagreement with our own wrongdoing. But may we find ways to seek concord. Inspire us to pursue peace.

For Your eyes, O Lord, are on the righteous. Your ears are open to their prayers.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. Foxx) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING ST. MARYS AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM RENAISSANCE CLUB

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the St. Marys Area Middle School Team Renaissance Club whose Mini-THON event raised a record \$18,281 for the fight against childhood cancer in March.

Inspired by Penn State's THON, the daylong event took place during the school day and included hourly themes

such as beach, carnival, and glow hours.

The event included numerous events for students and staff, including cornhole, bingo, karaoke, a photo booth, and the student favorite, "Silly String Your Principal Challenge."

Although students at St. Marys Area Middle School have demonstrated their dedication and generosity through the Mini-THON for many years now, this year's event was even more special since local toddler Reggie Housley is currently battling leukemia.

Proceeds from the Mini-THON will benefit Four Diamonds, a Hershey-based organization that pays 100 percent of noncovered medical expenses for childhood cancer patients at Penn State Health Children's Hospital.

I commend the St. Marys Area Middle School Team Renaissance Club for the extraordinary success of their Mini-THON and the entire St. Marys community for their kindness and generosity in the fight against childhood cancer.

REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community have always been stewards of Oregon's land and natural resources. Like so many other indigenous peoples, they have faced tremendous injustices

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